

MAKE TAX TIME PAY! CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDITS

You may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a tax benefit for low-wage workers. Receiving the EITC means you'll owe less in taxes, or possibly get cash back. Even if you don't owe income tax you can get the EITC, and may qualify for the Indiana state EITC as well.

Who's eligible?

- Families with one child who earned less than \$30,338 in 2004 (or less than \$31,338 for married workers) may be eligible for a credit up to \$2,604.
- Families with two or more children who earned less than \$34,458 in 2004 (or less than \$35,458 for married workers) may be eligible for a credit up to \$4,300.
- Workers without a qualifying child who earned less than \$11,490 in 2004 (or less than \$12,490 for married workers) and are between the ages of 25 and 64 may be eligible for a credit up to \$390.

Here's how you get it:

- If you were raising children in 2004, file federal tax return Forms 1040 or 1040A, not 1040EZ. Be sure to attach Schedule EIC.
- If you weren't raising children in 2004, file federal tax return Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ.

Have you missed out on the EITC in the past? You can file for the EITC for the last three years.

Extra Credit if you earned more than \$10,750. Many families may qualify for the Child Tax Credit – up to \$1,000 for each dependent child under age 17. See your tax instructions and get Form 8812.

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